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VIRGINIA GLEANINGS IN ENGLAND.

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WILLIAM BRETT of Hearne, Toddington, county Bedford, Esq. Will 4 June 1624; proved 20 September 1624. To Mary my wife all household stuff and plate. To my son Robert Brett my lease from my son William Brett of lands in Toddington aforesaid for 98 years a yearly rent of £80 to be paid to said son William, after my decease. Whereas I made a feofment to my brother Richard Brett of Quayton county Bucks, doctor of divinitie, John Thorpe of London Esq, and George Johnson of Brogboroughe Park, county Bedford gents and their heirs of premises therein mentioned which shall be sold and the money received employed according to my last will. I therefore bequeath to said Mary my wife £1000 in lieu of her joynture. Residue which shall be made of as such sale disposed of as follows—£100 to my son Richard Brett he to enjoy his mother's lands after her decease. The rest to my two daughters Mary and Elizabeth. And my sons Randall, Edward, John, Frances and Benjamin Brett equally. If either of my daughters marry contrary to their mothers liking then she or they shall have but £100. To my said three feoffees 40s. apeece for rings. To poor of Toddington 40s. My said wife Mary sole executrix. Witnesses: Robt Woodford, scr, Wyatt Fowler, Byrde, 82.

[This was an ancestor of the Virginia Ishams and Randolphs. William Isham, son of Sir Euseby Isham, of Pytchley, married, Aug. 13, 1625, Mary daughter of William Brett, of Toddington, Bedfordshire, and had a son Henry Isham, who emigrated to Virginia. Sir Edward Brett, one of the sons of Wm. Brett, the testator, in his will dated Dec. 22, 1682, and proved March 17, 1683 (printed in Waters' *Gleanings*) made bequests to his Isham relations in Virginia. See this Magazine IV, 123, 124; XVIII 85-87. The Visitation of London 1568

(Harlean Society) gives the following pedigree: Alexander Brett, of Whitstanton in Devon, married a daughter of Rosemaderos, and had issue: 1 John, 2 Robert, of Lincolnshire, Gent., married Elizabeth, daughter of Edward Bush, of Sisson, 3d brother of the Bushes of Hoburn; 3, Symon. Robert and Elizabeth (Bush) Brett had issue: 1, Robert, Citizen and Merchant-Tailor, of London, married Elizabeth, daughter of Reginald Highgate; 2, Margaret, married ———— Veale, of Lincoln, shire. Robert and Elizabeth (Highgate) Brett had issue: 1, John—oldest son; 2, William, (the testator); 3, Robert; 4, Richard; 5, Elizabeth 6, Catherine.

Several of this family of Bretts appear in Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*. Alexander Brett, of Whitstanton, Somerset, matriculated at Exeter College Dec. 3, 1575, aged 17, was a student of the Inner Temple, 1575, and was knighted June 20, 1603.

Alexander Brett, of Somerset, Eng., matriculated at Hart Hall July 1, 1603 aged 15, and was perhaps the person of the name knighted Dec. 2, 1624. Arthur Brett, of Whitstanton was a student of the Inner Temple 1579, & was probably the Arthur Brett, of Devon, gent, who matriculated at Exeter College Dec. 20, 1577, aged 16. George Brett, of Whitstanton, gent, matriculated at Exeter College Dec. 3, 1575 aged 16, and was a student of the Inner Temple 1575. John Brett, of Somerset, Esq., matriculated at Magdalen College June 4, 1601, aged 12, student at Lincolns Inn 1604. Richard Brett, the brother mentioned in the will, matriculated at Hart Hall Feb. 8, 1582-3, aged 15, fellow of Lincoln College, B. A. 12 Oct. 1586; M. A. 9 July 1589, B. D. 6 June 1597, D. D. 13, June 1605, rector of Quanton, Bucks. 1595, one of the translators of the Bible 1604, died 15 April 1637. Robert Brett, of Somerset Esq., matriculated at Hart Hall April 15, 1586 aged 20. Several of these persons no doubt descended from John, eldest son of the Alexander Brett of the pedigree given above.]

In the Church at Quanton, Buckinghamshire, is the tomb of Richard Brett D. Th. (the brother named in the will) rector of the parish and one of the translators of the Authorized Version of the Bible, erected by his wife Alicia in 1637. It has kneeling figures of man and woman, sons and daughters, of alabaster and black marble colored, in recess, with frieze, pediment and pilasters; inscription on frieze in Hebrew, Greek and Latin; tablet below recess with long inscription in Latin; shield with Brett Arms.

RICHARD BARHAM of Battell. Will June 10 1620; proved 28 November 1621. To poor of Battell 10s. To my sisters Hellen Bishopp, Mary Lake and Dorothe Seer 20s. each. Residue to Mary my wife with my house in Battell and all belonging to her and heirs for ever. She to pay to my sister Hellen Bishopp £10. To Mary Lake £10. To Dorothy Seer £10. To Micoll (sic) Barham 40s. To Arthur, Thomas and Jasper Barham my brothers 10s. each. To Ann Eagles and Elizab. Barham my sisters 10s. each, James Bachellor of Hastings and Abraham Bodle of Hailesam Overseers. Witnesses: Marmaduke Burton, Edward Otwaye, Bridgitt Otwaye, Dale, 87.

[See will of Anthony Barham of Va. in *Waters Gleanings*, and that of Ann Barham in this Magazine XXI, 25.]

JOHN FARRAR the elder of London, Esquier. Will 24 April 1628; proved 28 May 1628. To poor of Mary Aldermanbury £6. 13s. 4d. To Henry Farrar my eldest son my messuages lands etc called Great Ewood, Little Ewood, Upper Whiteleigh and Stony Rode in parish of Hallifax county York, to him and heirs for ever. To Martha his wife £10. To my son John Farrar whom I have settled already 20 nobles. To his wife Susan £10. To my son William Farrar all my messuages lands etc in Hodesdon Bloxbourne and Amwell in Hertford heretofore conveyed to Henry and John Ferrar my sons to my use, to my son William and heirs To him also and his wife and children £20 annuity and the longest liver of them. To my son Humfry Farrar and heirs my leases and lands called Sandwith Hall, Neilsinge and all other parcel of the Manor of Stansted under Borgh, county York. To said Humphry also my lease in the parish in St. Mary in Aldermanbury London. To six children of my son Henry Farrar £4 to each. To Cicely Farrar daughter of my son John £40. To seven children of my son John £4 each. Overseers: my son John Farrar and my nephew Henry Wilkinson of Woodesdon, county Bucks B. D. To each of them £10 and charges. Residue to my son Henry Farrar sole executor. Witnesses: Marke Bradley, Senr, John Bulkeley, Saml Wilkinson, Edwd Wilkinson. John Farrar of London esquier make this addition. £200 was delivered to my son John Farrar of Pena, county York to stock lands at Sandwith Hall, the said £200 to be divided between my two sons John and Humphrey. My son William shall receive of my executor £50 at his return into England. My books and apparel equally between my sons Henry, John and Humphrey. Other goods between my sons Henry, John, William and Humphrey. William's part shall be reserved for him or the value, in case he be not living to be reserved for his wife and children. Twelve pence a week for ever in bread upon the poor in Croxton in Lincolnshire out of my estate. Witnesses: Henry Cooke, Hen. Wilkinson, Barrington, 50.

[As it is evident that William Farrar, of Virginia, was not a son of Nicholas Farrar Sr, it looks as if his father has been placed by this will. Wm Farrar, came to Virginia in Aug. 1618, and at the census of 1624-5 was aged 31, making his birth about 1594. An examination of the wills of the other sons of Jno Farrar might settle the question.]

SIR THOMAS FARNEFOLD of Gatewicks, county Sussex, knight. Will 1 June 1639; proved 17 December 1644. I desire to be buried at Stayning in Sussex as neere my wife as conveniently may be in the same buriall place that doth belonge to my family in that churche. I give all my goods plate and household stufte whatsoever in my house at Westminster and likewise in my house called Gatewicks in Sussex, and all other my chattles whatsoever, to my eldest sonne Heny Farnfold and my daughter Dorothe Farnfold, to be equally divided betwixt them. And my said daughter shall have in her custody all my personal estate till my said sonne accomplish his age of 21. I give to my said daughter £200 out of the sale of Wixham lands; and the judgment, which I have for £1000 against the lands of Sir Edward Bellingham, I give to be equally divided among my daughter Dorothe and all my younger children. If my said daughter die before she be 21 or married all my personall estate shall be divided between my said sonne Henry and my sonne Thomas at their ages of 21. Item, I give to my sonnes Thomas, Richard, John, Raphe and Edward, £200 apeece at their severall ages of 21. To my sonne Thomas a house and land called Jarvis House now in the occupation of Laurence Davenport which my said sonne shall enter at his age of 21. My will is tha Wickham farme in Stayning now in the occupation of John Smithe the elder, for which he payeth me £50 per annum, shall be sould for the payment of my sonnes portions abovesaid, but if my sonne Henry shall pay his brother's portions, as before provided, he shall have the said farme. My executors shall receive the profits thereof during the minority of the said Henry towards the breeding and education of my sons. I make my daughter Dorothe and my very good friend Mr. Robert Marr of Westminster my executors till my son Henry be 22, when he shall be my sole executor. I give to the said Robert Marr £10 and my cast of hawkes, which are a mewing neare Colebrooke, also the best horse I shall have at the tyme of my death. I give to my wife all the household stuff I had by her, desiring her to be good to my children and not to take the thirds of my lands, as Mr. Hanchet and Mr. Siphtharpe can justifie that shee promised before I married her, that shee

would never claim any dower out of my landes, if so be that shee did outlive me. My desire, is, if it may be conveniently done, to be buried by my first wife at Stayning, and that Mr. Robert Marr may have the wardship of my eldest son and breeding of my younger children, and I hope his Majestie will be favourable to me for my sonnes wardeship, by reason I have lost my life in his Majesties warrs. Mr. Willis hath a note of mine for £50 for a ring. Mr. Pickhayes sawe me deliver the ring to him again, nothing due to him. Mr. Edward Watkins and Mr. Daniel Colwell have my statute for 5500. They were my bayle at Sir John Mitchells sute, I have not that statute and there is nothing due to them. I owe to Mr. Almerly and Mr. Nocton my lease of mortgage, £530; to Mr. Churchman by bond £50; this is my brother's debt and I have his counterbond. To Mr. Anthony Myldmay £25, to my brewer £8, to my counsin Edward Culpepper £40. Proved 17 December 1644 by Dorothy Farnefold with power reserved for a like grant to the other executor named. 20 November 1655 administration with will annexed was granted to John Farnefold son of the deceased the executorship of the said Dorothy Farnefold having expired by reason that the said Henry had accomplished his age of 22, yet died before he took upon himself the execution of the said will. 13 February 1660-1 commission issued to Dorothy Mayer otherwise Farnefold daughter of the testator, to administer the goods left unadministered by the said John Farnefold then likewise deceased, Rivers, 11.

[Sir Thomas Farnefold, the testator, was knighted Dec. 22, 1621, and was M. P. for Steyning 1624-26, April-May 1640, and 1640 until his death. His son Thomas matriculated at Christ Church, Oxford Dec. 20, 1641, aged 15. John Farnefold, another son, matriculated at New College Oct. 2, 1652, B. A. April 19, 1656. He (John) came to Virginia before Aug. 2, 1672, when he was minister of Fairfield parish, Northumberland Co., and was minister of St. Stephens in that county from 1680 until his death in 1702. In his will (printed in the *William & Mary Quarterly* XVII, 245) he gives the inscription to be placed on his tomb, and says he was the "son of Sir Thomas Farnefold of Gatwicks in Steyning in the County of Sussex Knight." Sir Thomas evidently did not die in "the Kings Wars," by which he probably meant the campaign against the Scots in 1639.]